EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Communication and Theatre

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) - Speech and Theatre

Students wishing to teach speech, theatre, debate, forensics, or interpretation in secondary schools take this program. Students are strongly encouraged to pursue Option A (two certification fields), but may also pursue Option B (one certification field). General education requirements and additional upper division requirements for secondary education are outlined in the undergraduate catalogue. In addition, students must complete a professional education component. To be considered for admission to the teacher education program, students must meet the university’s requirements (see the catalogue), maintain an appropriate GPA (check with your advisor) in all courses taken toward the teaching field, and acquire satisfactory references from the faculty within the Department. Students are expected to be familiar with the requirements of this program. The Department Chair gives final approval to all programs.

OPTION A - TWO TEACHING FIELDS (40 hours):

Required Courses:
- SP 100 Interpersonal Communication 3 hours
- SP 222 Argumentation and Debate 3 hours
- SP 229 Introduction to Broadcasting* 3 hours (*prerequisite: SP 100 or SP 101)
- SP 303 Organizational Communication 3 hours

OR

- SP 315 Small Group Communication 3 hours
- SP 312 Theories of Communication 3 hours
- SP 470 Teaching of Speech* 3 hours (*prerequisite: jr/sr status or consent)
- SP 472 Directing Forensic Activities* 3 hours (*prerequisite: SP 222 or consent)
- TA 126 Play Production 3 hours
- TA 136 Introduction to Theatrical Design 3 hours
- TA 128 Acting I 3 hours
- TA 236 Stagecraft* 4 hours (*prerequisite: TA 136)
- TA 315 Survey of Dramatic Literature 3 hours
- TA 426 Play Directing* 3 hours (*prerequisite: TA 235, jr/sr status)

*These courses have prerequisites. Please check the catalogue for more information.

OPTION B - ONE TEACHING FIELD (52 hours):

Required Courses (40 hours): Same 40 hours as Option A.

Elective Courses (12 hours): 12 additional hours in Communication and/or Theatre, with consent of advisor.

For more information about this program, contact Kenna Reeves, Departmental BSE Advisor; Stephen E. Catt, Chair, Department of Communication and Theatre; or Jim Bartruff, Director of Theatre, at (620) 341-5256.

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